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SUBJECT: SEYCHELLES: SPECIAL SELF HELP PROGRAM FOR FY 77

SUMMARY-SEYCHELLES GOVERNMENT HAS APPROACHED EMBASSY FOR ASSISTANCE IN FINANCING CONSTRUCTION OF HANDICRAFT WORK-SHOP ON SEYCHELLES SECOND LARGEST ISLAND. REQUEST DEPARTMENT INCREASE FY 77 FUNDS FOR SPECIAL SELF HELP (SSH) PROGRAM IN SEYCHELLES TO U.S. DOLS. 20,000 SO THAT EMBASSY CAN OFFER SIGNIFICANT ASSISTANCE DEFRAYING COSTS OF THIS PROMISING PROJECT. END SUMMARY.

1. SEYCHELLES MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, GUY SINON, HAS APPROACHED EMBASSY WITH REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOWARD CONSTRUCTION/EQUIPMENT COSTS INVOLVED IN ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTER FOR THE PRODUCTION OF HANDICRAFTS AND SOUVENIRS ON PRASLIN, SEYCHELLES SECOND LARGEST ISLAND.

2. CENTER, WHICH SINON SAYS IS IN RESPONSE TO LOCAL REQUEST, WOULD BE BUILT ON VOLUNTEER BASIS BY SCHOOL LEAVERS (UNEMPLOYED YOUTHS AGED 15-17) WHO WOULD LATER WORK IN CENTER. THERE IS ACUTE, CHRONIC UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM ON PRASLIN, WHICH NEW
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GOVERNMENT HOPING TO ALLEVIATE THROUGH THIS AND OTHER

ECONOMICALLY ENTERPRISES. HANDICRAFT CENTER WOULD BE FIRST ON PRASLIN WHICH IS VISITED BY LARGE PERCENTAGE OF 35,000 TOURISTS WHO ARE EXPECTED IN SEYCHELLES DURING CURRENT YEAR. USG FUNDS WOULD BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND WORKSHOP EQUIPMENT.

3. IN EMBASSY VIEW GOS PROPOSAL IS BEST UTILIZATION OF FY 77 SSH FUNDS. DURING THREE YEARS SSH PROGRAM HAS BEEN FOUNDED IN SEYCHELLES, NUMBER OF SMALL, WORTHWHILE PROJECTS (INCLUDING WATER SCHEM, CENTER FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND ASSISTANCE TO PROGRAM UNDERTAKEN BY SEYCHELLES' CHILDREN'S SOCIETY) HAVE RECEIVED USG ASSISTANCE. THESE PROJECTS HAVE BEEN BENEFICIAL TO LOCAL COMMUNITY AND MUCH APPERCIATED, RESULTING IN HIGHLY FAVORABLE REACTION. ALL PROJECTS THUS FAR UNDERTAKEN IN SEYCHELLES HAVE BEEN ON PRINCIPAL ISLAND OF MAHE WHERE, FOR TIME BEING AT LEAST, THERE ARE NO ATTRACTIVE ADDITIONAL PROJECTS.

4. WE BELIVE TIME HAS COME FOR CHANGE IN EMPHASIS IN SSH PROGRAM AWAY FROM FUNDING DIFFUSE, LOCALIZED PROJECTS TO CONCENTRATION OF MODEST AVAILABLE FUNDS ON PROMISING LARGER PROJECTS EVEN IF ONLY ONE SUCH PROJECT CAN BE FUNDED EACH YEAR. OUR ASSISTANCE TOWARD ATTAINMENT OF GOS AND COMMUNITY OBJECTIVES IN PRASLIN PROJECT WOULD FULFILL THIS OBJECTIVE WHILE CONTRIBUTING TOWARD FAVORABLE IMAGE FOR U.S. AMONG PRASLINES WHO HAVE NOT BENEFITED FROM THE/SSH PROGRAM IN THE PAST. USG COLLABORATION WITH GOVERNMENT IN THIS PROJECT, WHICH HAS SIGNIFICANT AS WELL AS ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE AND HAS BEEN ACCORDED HIGH PRIORITY BY GOS, WILL BE REGARDED AS IMPORTANT EARLY INDICATION OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR SEYCHELLES DEVELOPMENT. IF SUCCESSFUL, GOS PLANNING SIMILAR PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

5. REQUEST FY 77 SSH FUNDS FOR SEYCHELLES BE INCREASED BY U.S. DOLS 5,000 TO U.S. DOLS 20,000 TO PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT LEVEL OF SUPPORT FOR THIS UNDERTAKING.

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